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W. N. & C. R. BENEDICT, OWNERS

## BUTTE COUNTY FOOTHILL NURSERIES

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"SUNNY SLOPE"—NEAR BANGOR, CAL.

CITRUS, OLIVE, AVOCADO AND SEMI-TROPICAL TREES AND PLANTS

NURSERY ADDRESS

MAIL: SUNNY SLOPE, MARYSVILLE, CAL.

FROM MAIN OFFICE: 360 MILLS BUILDING

EXPRESS AND FREIGHT ADDRESS
HONCUT, CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO

April 28, 1916.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Bureau of Plant Industry, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Attention: E. R. Lake, Pomologist

Sir;

Enclosed please find the card for B. P. I.,
Horticultural and Pomological Investigations, filled out to the best of
our ability, and calling attention in a brief way, to the fact that as
far north as "Sunny Slope", in S. E. Butte County, California, and at an
average altitude of 500 feet, midway between the 39th and 40th parallels,
North Lat., we are successfully growing the AVOCADO, Feijoa, Mexican Lime,
Guava, Zapota, and other varieties of SEMI-TROPICAL trees and plants.

Season, 1915, we matured fruit on a seedling Avocado of the Mexican highland type, which was only two years old from the seed planted by us at Sunny Slope. One Avocado, three years old, set 141 fine "pears", the tree being maliciously tampered with which killed it.

Mr. Rixford, Plant Physiologist for the U.S. Government, (of S.F.) visited Sunny Slope and will tell you, no doubt, of the luxuriant growth of the Avocados which he found there. Although very complimentary, we would not take the liberty of quoting him. Mr. Rixford resides in San Francisco.

We now have at Sunny Slope over a thousand Avocado trees, already budded and carefully selected seedlings which we are allowing to remain seedlings, until quality of fruit is determined.

Among the collection of trees from Butte County collected for display at the P. P. I. E, was a remarkable Avocado tree from the BUTTE COUNTY FOOTHILL NURSERIES, which in 18 months from seed, grew ten feet in height and with an 8 foot spread of branches. This tree was later donated to the WESTERN PACIFIC R. R. for their little park in Oroville, and Mr. Keyes, Agent of the W. P. R.R. at Oroville, writes under date, April 18th, as follows:-

"The P. P. I. E. Avocado came through the winter in fine shape and has now a most excellent new growth on it, I being more than pleased with it and it most certainly attracts a great deal of attention from the passengers, many of whom express surprise in finding that it can be grown so far North, as they call it."

While we have issued no regular catalog of our Nursery stock, we take pleasure in estimating the varieties and numbers of each now growing at Sunny Slope, this wonderfully protected, ideally located spot among the foothills of S. E. Butte County. Briefly, they are as follows:-

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LIST of NURSERY STOCK, - BUTTE COUNTY FOOTHILL NURSERIES,

RETURN TO POMOLOGY SECTION OF NOMENCLATURE at SUNNY SLOPE, (P.O. Marysville),

Butte County, California.

Main Office, 360 Mills Building, San Francisco, Cal.

Quantity.	Variety.
3,000	Washington Navel Orange, on Sour and Trifoliata root
1,900	Lemons, - Eureka, Lisbon, Villa Franca, and Seedless, on Sour Orange roots - Also Mexican Limes.
400	Pomelo- Marsh Seedless, on Sour Orange root.
10,000	Mission Olives, - all propagated from Picholene Seeds, and budded to choicest Mission of known and proven quality, heavy producers, small pits and extra free stone.
1,000	AVOCADOS "HARMON", "NORTHRUP", "CHAPELLO",
	"HORN", "GANTER" or 'WOODWORTH". and

new varieties as yet un-maned. These AVOCADOS show strong root system with wonderfully luxuriant top growth. This is also true of all citrus . Semi-Tropical and olive stock grown in this special foothill tract, Sunny Slope.

Limited quantity, - FEIJOA SELLOWIANA, GUAVA, CAROB, LOQUAT, FIGS.

## ORNAMENTALS -

10,000 (approx) PALMS - WASHINGTON ROBUSTA, CHAMAEROPS EXCELSA, PHOENIX CANARIENSIS.

> PHYTOLACCA ARBOREA, OLEANDER, AUSTRALIAN BOTTLE TREE ( Stericulia Acrifolia)

CEDRUS DEODORA, and others.

The above represents stock still on hand, near close of mursery NOTE season, Spring, 1916. We wish to place our main office(S.F.) on mailing list of Dep't. Respectfully,

BUTTE COUNTY FOOTHILL NURSERIES,

W. N. & C. R. Benedict, Owners.

P. S. - We respectfully refer you to the following representatives of the V.S. Dep't who have visited Sunny Slope.

Prof. A. V. Stubenrauch, Mr. Beagles, in charge of Chico Gardens, Mr. Peter Bisset, G. P. Rixford, Plant Physiologist, Prof. Wickson, Prof. Condit - the latter two being from the University of Cal.

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